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No 'Furtive Manner' Here



Charles Barrott, one of the two war workers arrested last week because a patrolman on the "mugging squad" imagined they had a furtive manner, home again yesterday with his children after five days in Raymond St. Jail. Charles Jr. has an arm around him, and baby Richard is on the other knee.

Another 'Mugging' Frameup Exposed

By Ann Rivington

The most recent arrest by New York's so-called "mugging" squad has backfired in the Police Department's face.

A gun that wouldn't shoot and a pocket knife that wouldn't open proved "insufficient evidence" for the conviction of two Negro war workers, arrested for what he described as a "furtive manner" by rookie cop Abraham Katz last Wednesday night.

The case against the two innocent men, Charles Barrott, 253 Kingsboro Second Walk, and Larratt Crumedy, 219 Kingsboro Second Walk, Kingsboro Housing Project, Brooklyn, was thrown out of Brooklyn Felony Court on Monday.

Not, however, before Barrott and Crumedy had lost five days apiece from their war jobs, while waiting trial in the Raymond St. Jail. Not before the Daily News and Mirror had branded them as "muggers" in the eyes of many of their neighbors. Not before reactionary Magistrate Abner Surpless, who last week called for life sentences for "muggers" had publicly congratulated Patrolman Katz for their arrest.

NO APOLOGIES YET

Neither Magistrate Surpless nor the Police Department nor the Negro-baiting press has made any retraction or apology for the injury done the two victims and their families.

Last night, the Daily Worker reporter called on Mr. Barrott, to find out how it all happened. He answered the door himself, with his eight-months-old son Richard in his arms. Mrs. Barrott, he explained, was in the project laundry washing, and he was looking after little Richard and Charles Jr., age 2. He is a pleasant young man with a humorous smile.

"We'll certainly be glad to have you print the real story," said Mr. Barrott warmly. "We're going to have to work like anything to take the nasty name off of us that the other papers gave us."

And here's Mr. Barrott's story:

He and his neighbor, Mr. Crumedy, are both war workers, loading ships. They're union members and church members. Mr. Barrott, in fact, is on the board of trustees of St. Paul's Community Baptist Church. And Mr. Crumedy, not feeling he's doing enough for the war effort at his job, is an active air-raid warden.

Last Wednesday night, they were at a farewell party for a friend who was to be inducted into the army the next day. They came home on the trolley. At 20 minutes

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Cancel Meat Ceilings; See Price Roll-Back

The dollar and cent uniform price ceilings which were to have gone into effect today for retail beef, veal, lamb and mutton, were suddenly called off yesterday by OPA chief Prentiss M. Brown until May 17 to allow for a re-examination of prices in the light of the President's "hold the line" order.

The last-minute action was seen here by regional OPA spokesmen as a sign of a possible roll-back in prices as well as a move to place all livestock under price ceilings.

The new dollar and cent ceilings meant an average increase of eight per cent over February, 1943 prices. They meant an increase of 19 per cent in prices of chain stores. On some cuts of meat sold in chain stores, the increase would have amounted to 50 or 60 per cent.

DEAL ENGINEERED

The only decreases would have taken place in small neighborhood stores where prices would have been a cut about two per cent. This was more than offset by increases permitted in case of chain stores.

This whole deal was engineered by businessmen in OPA, particularly by former officials of A & P and other chains who are in OPA Food Section. OPA lawyers and economists backed by Labor Policy Committee protested vigorously.

Their point was that the effect of new ceilings was to increase prices to consumers and to squeeze small retailers.

Brown's action can and should result in roll-back of prices. The only trouble is that the trade is being called in for advice, and they will probably raise same kind of

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Nazis Doom 24 French Workers

GENEVA, April 15 (ICN).—Twenty-four French railway workers were sentenced to death in Rennes, northern France for anti-German sabotage last week, according to the Paris newspaper Oeuvre.

The workers were charged with hiding explosives and distributing illegal anti-fascist literature. Their activity, said the prosecution, was connected with the numerous attempts on the lives of German officers, sabotage on railway and telephone lines and a recently discovered plan to liberate a group of Frenchmen in the Rennes prison.

Unity Slate Wins Waiters Local Poll

A unity slate, headed by David Siegel, William Albertson and Joseph Rodriguez won an overwhelming victory in elections just conducted in Waiters Local 16, AFL.

Win-the-war forces of all political affiliations were joined in the Albertson-Siegel ticket which was opposed for every office by a small clique of die-hard, right-wing job seeking elements.

A total of 2,923 votes were cast. Siegel was reelected president with 1,933 votes as against 731 for his opponent Harry Corn.

Rodriguez, secretary-treasurer, was reelected with 1,667 votes as against 635 for Manny Weiten.

Albertson, a well-known Communist, who served as secretary of the Citizens Committee for the Freedom of Earl Browder, when Mr. Browder was in jail, was reelected general organizer. His vote was 1,522 as against 791 for Frank Marston who opposed him.

Low Glick received 1,325 votes as labor chief as compared to Dag Fishman's 626.

ALBERTSON ON BOARD

Albertson was also reelected as the local delegate to the Joint Board of the Hotel and Restaurant unions. For this post he received 1,490 votes to 608 for Marston.

A referendum on whether officers should be elected every two years instead of annually was defeated 1,266 to 886.

Left wing forces took no position for or against this referendum in the campaign.

Other officers elected, all members of the progressive unity slate, were Morris Zwirn, vice-president; Catherine Dowling, recording secretary; Salvador Calvano, sergeant-at-arms, and four business agents.

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Sweden Fires on German Planes

(By United Press)

Sweden announced stringent new orders Wednesday regulating the internment of foreign planes forced or shot down on her territory, and a few hours later Swedish anti-aircraft guns and fighter planes fired on four German planes over the southern coastal areas.

The Motala radio of Sweden, in a broadcast recorded by U.S. government monitors, said anti-aircraft fire chased off three Nazi planes which flew over Swedish territory south of Karlskrona. Later Swedish fighters and anti-aircraft defenses drove off a single German plane which flew over Kullen.

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(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

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Allies Shoot Down 81 Axis Planes In Africa; Push on Bizerte Gains; Soviets Punch Nazi Donets Line

Enemy Fails In Attack on Northern Front

LONDON, April 14 (UP).—Soviet troops, continuing their new attacks in the Balakleya sector of the Donets Front, have won a series of local successes on the German-held west bank of the river, Moscow dispatches said today.

Soviet communiques had reported small scale Russian thrusts south of Balakleya. The Moscow dispatches reported that the thrusts had been made on the German side of the river, where the Red Army has tenaciously held its bridgeheads, possibly jumping off places for a spring drive in force.

The Wednesday noon communique said that in the Balakleya area the Red Army troops in one fierce fight had killed about 200 Germans, destroyed five anti-tank guns and disabled two tanks.

In another sector Soviet scouts penetrated an enemy-held village and killed about 40 Germans in a night attack.

NAZI ATTACKS FAIL

The Moscow dispatch said that the Germans had extended their attacks on the northern front to the Leningrad area because they had lost heavily without making gains in their attacks along the Volkhov River to the south.

However, it was added, the Germans had met with no success in the Leningrad attacks either and the Red Army artillery had inflicted heavy losses especially on enemy infantry.

By Lieut. I. Agaltsov

(Published in Red Star)

MOSCOW, April 14 (ICN).—Within the past few days Koenigsberg has twice been bombed by Soviet planes in mass raids. The first raid was carried out the night following April 10 and proceeded under very complex meteorological conditions. The second raid was more sweeping than the first.

Weather conditions en route to the target created certain difficulties for the plane crews, but in the vicinity of the city the weather was fine, and despite the black out, all the main objectives stood out distinctly.

Searchlights AA fire and other means of German defense proved ineffective against the skillful maneuvering of the Soviet crews. The airships swept over the city in wave upon wave, dropping their bombs for more than two hours.

A far greater number of explosions and big fires in the area of military and industrial objectives of Koenigsberg were registered during the last raid than on the night of April 10. When Captain Reshetnikov's plane neared the city there were already six fires raging. The vicinity of the port, ordnance stores and the center of the city were ablaze. Flame bombs hanging over Koenigsberg lit up the streets and squares and the airmen located their targets.

Among the flyers who have been over Koenigsberg before were twice Hero of the Soviet Union Major Molodtch, as well as flyers who bombed the fascist city for the first time.

Greek Bishop Joins Guerrillas

(By United Press)

The Bishop of Kosene, in northern Greece, has joined the Greek guerrillas in the mountains, the British Radio reported Wednesday in a broadcast heard by the United Press. The broadcast said the guerrillas were doing all they could to "upset fascist Axis efforts to build defense fortifications to meet a possible Allied invasion."

Invade Europe, Pa. CIO Appeals

By Walter Lowenfels

(Special to the Daily Worker)

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 14.—The CIO state convention appealed to President Roosevelt today for a Second Front "within the shortest possible time" and pledged him "intensified war production and every possible support."

The Second Front resolution, read by James Thomas, regional director of the United Steel Worker in the Homestead area, touched off a lively debate on the floor.

When one or two confused delegates brought up the question of "leave it in the military," chairman Thomas pointed out that the Second Front resolution had been unanimously adopted by the 12 members of his resolutions committee, "none of whom were military experts." Francis White and Dave Davis of the UERMAA got loud applause as they pointed to enemies of the workers, such as Hoover and Bullitt, as typical of the anti-Second Front crowd.

When chairman Thomas re-read the resolution, loud cries for the question brought an overwhelming vote.

BOO DISRUPTIVE MOTION

An attempt by delegate Rifkin of the Brewster UAW local to bring a disruptive Alter-Ehrlich resolution to the floor, against the rules of the convention, was put to the

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Dutch Kill 2 Nazis, 1 Quisling

LONDON, April 14 (UP).—Dutch patriots, in a new outburst of rebellion, have killed two members of the Dutch Nazi Party in Holland and the pro-Nazi mayor of two small towns in Limburg province, the Netherlands Aneta News Agency reported today.

The German-controlled Amsterdam newspaper said the dead Quislings, attacked early in April, were E. J. B. Thuis, of Arnhem, and Teun Verdun, of Oudemaas, Aneta said.

W. A. Heisterscheld, mayor of the towns of Baexem and Grathem, was killed March 30 by patriots who rang the doorbell of his Baexem home, shot him when he answered it, and escaped, the news agency reported.

First Army Drives 17 Miles; Nazi Counter-Blows Halted

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, North Africa, April 14 (UP).—The British First Army has gained 17 miles in its two weeks' drive up the main road to Bizerte despite desperate Axis counterattacks, it was disclosed today, while the Allied aerial forces claimed 81 more planes from the cornered Tunisian enemy's waning air strength.

Drawing into position meanwhile for a major assault on Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's flank, the British Eighth Army began probing the thick enemy defenses drawn across the gap between Enfidaville on the Tunisian east coast and Bou Hadjar Hill to the southwest.

(A Radio Morocco broadcast heard by Exchange Telegraph Agency in London said that according to latest reports the Eighth Army had occupied Enfidaville, 25 miles northwest of Sousse.)

Advancing with great difficulty along the winding Bizerte road past hidden German emplacements which had to be cleaned out one by one, the First Army was revealed in official dispatches to have driven within three miles of the railroad station of Sidi Nair.

Sidi Nair is 20 miles northeast of Beja, starting point of Lieut. Gen. Kenneth A. N. Anderson's offensive, and 33 miles southwest of Bizerte.

FRENCH TAKE POSITION

(A French communique broadcast by the Algiers Radio said that French forces had captured the important Djebel Mansour dominating the Pont Du Pahr area, thus bending back the German line a few more miles in the center. This advance, combined with that of the British above Beja, made the route an almost symmetrical one stretching between the north and east coasts and contained the Axis in

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Slav Partisans Keep Up Drive

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, April 14.—Pierce fighting continues at Potza, on the right bank of the Drina River, just north of Montenegro, where the Yugoslav People's Army is carrying out a persistent offensive, says the latest broadcast of the radio "Free Yugoslavia" heard here.

The Drina River, which runs southward from Sarajevo along the Montenegrin border, is one of Yugoslavia's most difficult streams, especially now that it is swollen with spring rains. But the partisans, led by the Second Dalmatian Brigade, successfully crossed it and are hammering away at the town of Potza.

Other units in Southern Herzegovina occupied the strong point of Peblag Kula, which has been held for two years by the Croatian fascist Ustashi. One hundred and fifty prisoners were taken, 10,000 cartridges, rifles and other supplies.

In central Bosnia, the towns of Teshan and the local villages of Seber and Pribinitich have been captured, while the 8th Croatian Division has cleared the Ottocach area of Italian and Ustashi units. The People's Army continues its offensive, says the radio, on widely scattered fronts, with the chief operations taking place in southern Herzegovina inland from the Adriatic coast.

Says Nazi African Fight 'Hopeless'

By Colonel M. Tolchenov

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, April 14.—As long as there was fighting to the south of Gabes the Italo-German command still hope to hold the offensive of the Eighth Army for a certain period either on the heavily fortified Mareth line or in the narrow Gabes Pass.

These calculations were frustrated by the advance of General Montgomery's troops. The area northwest of Enfidaville will in all probability be the next position where Rommel will try to check the forward movement of the Eighth Army.

The Hitlerite command undoubtedly realizes that the campaign in Africa is lost and that no reinforcements can save the situation. It is also beyond doubt that the Hitlerites are prepared to sacrifice the troops left in Tunis in order to play for time and delay the realization of the further plans of the Allied command.

It is not improbable of course that attempts will be made to evacuate a certain part of the German troops, but this entails great difficulties. The Italian Navy which has lost half of its craft since the outbreak of the war is hardly in a position to ensure the transport of troops from Tunis. As for evacuating the Italo-German troops by plane that is out of the question on a wide scale due to the superiority of the Allied air force.

The military operations in Tunis have entered a decisive phase. The enemy's sole object now is to gain time in an effort to retain its last support in Africa. The advancing Allied troops will encounter certain difficulties connected with warfare in a mountain area. However they possess all conditions for winning a victory—numerical superiority and material, vantage points that permit them to strike at the enemy from three sides, air superiority and the fighting experience of the troops and command acquired on the African continent.

Hence it is a question only of time when the Axis troops will be completely driven out of Africa. It may be assumed that the Allied command will do everything to make it as quick as possible.

Special Party Meeting Friday

The New York State Committee of the Communist Party is calling a special meeting of all Branch, Section and County Functionaries for Friday, April 16 at 8 P.M. at Webster Hall—119 E. 11th St.

This is a very important meeting and all functionaries are asked to set every other engagement aside in order to attend.

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An Arrogant Attack on F.D.R.'s Order

AN EDITORIAL

THE AGRICULTURAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL, reported Tuesday by the "Farm Bloc" dominated House Appropriations Committee, is a frontal assault upon the President's Stabilization Order. It is an arrogant defiant challenge to the nation by the coalition of Tory reaction and Hoover defeatism known as the "Farm Bloc."

Here is what the Appropriations Committee bill does:

1—It smuggles in the infamous Bankhead Bill, as it affects the consumer, by eliminating all government "parity" payments.

The Bankhead Bill demanded that "parity" prices for farm products be reached by increasing the price to consumers, not by government payments. The Agricultural Appropriations Committee bill says exactly the same thing. For the consumer it will mean a rise of 5 per cent to 7 per cent in food prices. It defies the President's stabilization program precisely as did the Bankhead Bill. And it was the threat to prices presented by the Bankhead Bill that led the President to issue his hold-the-line order.

2—The Appropriations Committee bill eliminates all incentive payments for increased farm production and for conversion to production of essential foods. This hits at the very vitals of the food production program, specifically contained in the Stabilization Order. The "Farm Bloc" is out to eliminate incentive payments because it wants to block conversion of agriculture to a wartime basis, and because it wants no "substitutes" for higher food prices.

3—The Agricultural Appropriations Bill eliminates the Farm Security Administration, the agency that has helped hundreds of thousands of small farmers to increase production. It aims to tighten the hold of monopoly capital on agriculture, in defiance of the war needs of the nation.

Such, then, is the answer of the "Farm Bloc" to the President's Executive Order to stabilize our war economy. This same "Farm Bloc" has already caused serious losses in the Battle for Food Production by freezing vital farm labor on the cotton plantations where it is totally wasted for the war effort. It has already blocked the development, through FSA, of a land army that could do much to solve the farm labor

shortage.

The farmers of the nation are for the Administration's anti-inflation program. They know too well the terrible effects of inflation. They are for the Administration's food production program. The Agricultural Appropriations Bill, should it pass, would be a bitter blow to them.

Labor has already spoken out on behalf of the separate parts of the Administration program attacked by the Appropriations Bill. Two-fold action is needed now:

1—Every worker, farmer, and every other patriot, as well as every organization, has got to demand of his or her congressman that incentive, parity and subsidy payments be restored in the bill; and that the FSA appropriation be restored;

2—That effective coalition of the National Farmers Union, AFL, CIO, railroad brotherhoods, Federal Council of Churches, National Catholic Rural Welfare Conference and Ohio Farm Bureau, that fought successfully for nearly all these government measures in the past, has got to be reconstituted at once to meet this new "Farm Bloc" menace.

Labor Maps Fight on Black Market Here

Soviet Crew Rescued



Huddled together on a rocky crag in the background are the crew members of a Soviet ship which was wrecked when it ran on the rocks during a gale in Pacific. U. S. Coast Guardsmen rescued the crew.

Join OPA in 5-Point Program

The Labor Advisory Committee working with the New York District Office of Price Administration yesterday set to work on a program to crack the black market in meat. Representatives of AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods met with Russell H. Potter, acting director of the New York District OPA at the Empire State Building.

"Labor is backing our movement in combating the black market," said Potter. "We are receiving its wholehearted cooperation."

The group appointed a sub-committee which will meet next Monday to consider proposals for wiping out the black market along the lines proposed at the meeting. The proposals include:

- 1—Union workers at the retail level would insist that their employers keep dollar and cents ceiling prices posted.
- 2—Union members would not knowingly handle black market meat.
- 3—An educational program instructing butchers as to new cuts of meat, according to the rationing schedule, would be initiated.
- 4—Union workers would not knowingly be parties to any upgrading of meats.
- 5—Union members and butchers would not sell meats without proper coupon transactions.

Various phases of the wholesale industry will be discussed on Monday.

Present at the meeting were labor representatives from the entire meat trade.

The CIO was represented by workers from slaughter houses, wholesalers, retail stores, butcher departments in chain stores, shipper, packing houses, and the Industrial Union Council.

They were Saul Mills, John Zarka, A. Jaker, B. Cappell, W. Casame, E. Schwartzman, Charles Hummer, Michael Burke and William Dryer.

Charles Wyson represented the Railroad Brotherhoods.

AFL spokesmen represented retail meat clerks, kosher butchers, chain store butchers, provision workers, salesmen and the Central Trades and Labor Council.

They were James C. Quinn, Martin T. Lacey, Joseph Belsky, Max Block, Fred Schocker, Morris Feinstein, Conrad Kaye, Joseph Cohen and Morris Horn.

One of the members of the Governor's Committee is David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Observers were rather astounded that Dubinsky signed the report, along with Hanes and the two other committee members, though it contains an attack upon corporation taxes, union wages, and the Lehman, LaGuardia and New Deal administrations.

In his answer to the Hanes report, Herlands says that the figures show that New York held its own in relation to the number of its wage earners, while its share of the national value of manufactures fell only 4.1 per cent. Herlands adds that employment decreased much more rapidly in such industrial states as Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Massachusetts and others than in New York.

"In fact," he says, "New York State had a decrease in employment than 28 other states."

The New York metropolitan area, according to the investigation Commissioner's report, suffered less decline in industrial employment than six of the ten major industrial areas in the nation.

Herlands attacks particularly the theory that high wages have driven business out of New York. Ironically enough, he picks Dubinsky's own industry to prove the fallacy.

Union Asks Fair Play For Vets in U.S. Army

An important New York trade union has asked President Roosevelt and Secretary of War Stimson to take action to stop the discrimination against veterans of the Spanish war against fascism by U. S. Army authorities.

The issue was placed before the Commander-in-Chief and the War Secretary by James V. King, president of the New York District of the State, County and Municipal Workers Union.

Morris Brier, member of the union and a former company commander in Spain, had been discharged from an American officers' training school without any explanation the day before his class graduated.

Similar discharges of crack Lincoln Vets from officers' training schools had preceded this action. "According to our information," said King in a letter to Mr. Stimson, "Mr. Brier was an outstanding member of the class, well qualified in every respect to become an officer of the United States Army."

"It is our opinion that the reason for the discharge of Mr. Brier was that he is a former member of the International Brigades, which fought with the Loyalist Army in Spain. . . We are deeply disturbed. . ."

"It makes little or no sense," continued President King, "for the Army of the United States to discriminate against anti-fascists, while we are engaged in a war against fascism."

Mr. King told the secretary the union was disturbed because they had heard of other such cases. He urged the War Secretary to take action to end such discrimination.

To President Roosevelt he wrote: "I sincerely urge that you use your good offices to correct this situation and remove any doubts as to the Army's willingness to use avowed anti-fascists in the conduct of our anti-fascist war."

ALP Clubs Hold 2nd Front Rally Tonight

Premise of an overflow at the "Invade Europe Now" meeting tonight of the American Labor Party clubs of the 7th, 9th and 11th Assembly Districts was seen by leaders of these clubs.

Leaders of the district organizations indicated that the response of the people of the district to the mass distribution of leaflets demonstrated the intense interest of the people on this vital issue.

Mr. Robert Stanley, chairman of the 7th A.D., speaking for the three districts said: "We have received numerous requests from individuals outside the American Labor Party for quantities of leaflets to distribute to interested friends. It indicates that the American people are keenly aware of the need for immediate offensive action against Hitler."

The meeting will be held at the Riverside Plaza Hotel on 7th St. and Broadway at 8:30 P.M. Admission will be free.

The awareness of the trade union movement to the necessity for an immediate invasion of Europe to smash and destroy Hitler's power was seen in the fact that two CIO international union heads were to be among the featured speakers at the meeting. Both President Michael Quill and Joseph Selly of the Transport Workers and the American Communications Association, respectively, are leaders of important key unions vital to the prosecution of a successful war.

Other speakers are General Victor Yakhontoff, the Reverend Jas. H. Robinson, Stanley Isaacs, Manhattan Councilman; Irwin D. Davidson, member of the New York State Assembly; Albert Kahn, author of "Sabotage"; Dr. William Mallouf of Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn; and Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein, principal of the Robert Louis Stevenson School and chairman of the local committee for the Care of Young Children in Wartime. Mr. Eugene P. Connolly, secretary of the New York County Committee of the American Labor Party will act as chairman of the meeting.

The keynote of the conference, sounded by both Barney Conal, Director of the CIO Community Councils, and James V. King, New York District President of State, County and Municipal Workers, was to mobilize the CIO membership so that their organized strength could be used effectively as trade unionists, as consumers and as organized voters.

Speaker after speaker pledged to participate in the task of mobilizing all of the people to fortify the home front, to lick the defuncts in Congress and to speed victory in line with the decisions for "unconditional surrender" at the Casablanca Conference.

One of the guest speakers, Burton V. Turkus, Assistant District Attorney of Brooklyn, bitterly assailed the action of the Bar Association in denying membership to a Negro Lawyer. He disagreed, he said, with those liberals who resigned from the Bar Association preferring, he added, the type of action any CIO union would plan "that is, a fight within the organization to get equal treatment and protection of all minority rights."

One hundred and twenty-five members of various CIO unions were elected from the floor to the Community Council. Another meeting of the Council membership was set for Monday April 26 at Transport Workers Headquarters in Brooklyn, 98 Flatbush Ave.

Store Union Backs United Labor Rally

The men and women who serve New York's big department stores during the week are going to turn out in big numbers for the huge Labor for Victory rally May 3 in Yankee Stadium.

That at least is the program of the executive board of Local 1250, Department Store Employees Union, CIO, which represents workers at Hearn, Oppenheim Collins and several other big stores.

"This stadium rally has as its purpose the organization of the people of New York and through their example the people of the nation for a fight to strengthen the unity of the American people," says a statement the board adopted.

"Its aim is to facilitate the opening of a Western Front, to carry on an organized fight to preserve, and extend the economic gains of the American people, to establish international labor unity to help defeat reaction and defeatism in the Hall of Congress."

The board will organize cooperation among the union's stewards to insure maximum membership participation, the resolution says.

CLASSES AT LOW WORKERS' PRICES
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OPA May Boost Workers' Rations

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP).—The Industrial Council of the Office of Price Administration is ready to recommend the first breakthrough of meat rationing lines, it was learned today.

The Council, it was understood, will propose that the present ration of about two pounds a week for loggers be increased to between six and seven pounds—the standard Army field ration—to end work stoppages in logging camps. If granted, the concession will place OPA under more pressure for similar concessions to miners and other workers who expend considerable energy daily.

(The Greater New York CIO Industrial Union Council has already asked for increased meat rations for industrial workers.)

Logging camps employing 50 or more persons now are placed in the institutional class and are granted blanket supplies of rationed products for the workers. The employees do not have to surrender ration coupons in these camps, although it is required in smaller camps.

Not all of the loggers would be eligible for the increased rations, officials said. If they returned home at the end of a day's work, it was said, the loggers would be considered to be in the same status as others

who are required to surrender ration coupons.

Reports indicate that production has begun to slip and members of the industry warned that the situation will grow worse until OPA acts.

No figures were available on the number of camps that have been closed down as a result of the meat problem, but men were reported leaving their jobs in California, Washington, Oregon and in timber states of the Midwest.

The six or seven pounds a week ration, authorities said, would be less than the daily intake of meat by loggers prior to rationing. Various surveys indicate that it ranged from 10 pounds to 13 pounds weekly.

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Herlands Gives Lie To Dewey Committee

Governor Dewey's Committee on Employment in New York was accused by City Commissioner of Investigation William B. Herlands of employing hocus-pocus arithmetic in its report to the Governor.

Herlands yesterday submitted a report to the Mayor in answer to the Governor's Committee.

which charged last week that the city and state share of national manufactures has declined over 30 per cent since 1929.

The Governor's Committee, headed by John W. Hanes, gave, as the reasons for the decline, high business, real estate and sales taxes, high labor costs, indifference on the part of city and state governments and hostility of the federal government.

One of the members of the Governor's Committee is David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Observers were rather astounded that Dubinsky signed the report, along with Hanes and the two other committee members, though it contains an attack upon corporation taxes, union wages, and the Lehman, LaGuardia and New Deal administrations.

In his answer to the Hanes report, Herlands says that the figures show that New York held its own in relation to the number of its wage earners, while its share of the national value of manufactures fell only 4.1 per cent. Herlands adds that employment decreased much more rapidly in such industrial states as Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Massachusetts and others than in New York.

"In fact," he says, "New York State had a decrease in employment than 28 other states."

The New York metropolitan area, according to the investigation Commissioner's report, suffered less decline in industrial employment than six of the ten major industrial areas in the nation.

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Flatbush CIO Conference Plans War Aid

One of the liveliest and best attended of the CIO Community Conferences was held Monday night in the Crown Heights-Flatbush sections of Brooklyn at the Biltmore Auditorium. More than 500 persons attended representing dozens of CIO unions and community organizations.

15,000 CIO members reside in the area.

This was the twelfth of the Community Conferences held so far. Eight more are planned in various sections of the city.

The meeting in Flatbush represented a high point in rank and file participation. Nearly everyone wanted the floor. Dozens of plans for projects in the community were suggested, among them a plan for a people's neighborhood newspaper in which the CIO could tell the truth about the news; a plan for a CIO neighborhood radio program to educate the people on price control, how to fight the black market, rationing, etc.; and a plan for the immediate opening of a child care center to take care of children of those women who want to work in the war effort.

The keynote of the conference, sounded by both Barney Conal, Director of the CIO Community Councils, and James V. King, New York District President of State, County and Municipal Workers, was to mobilize the CIO membership so that their organized strength could be used effectively as trade unionists, as consumers and as organized voters.

Speaker after speaker pledged to participate in the task of mobilizing all of the people to fortify the home front, to lick the defuncts in Congress and to speed victory in line with the decisions for "unconditional surrender" at the Casablanca Conference.

One of the guest speakers, Burton V. Turkus, Assistant District Attorney of Brooklyn, bitterly assailed the action of the Bar Association in denying membership to a Negro Lawyer. He disagreed, he said, with those liberals who resigned from the Bar Association preferring, he added, the type of action any CIO union would plan "that is, a fight within the organization to get equal treatment and protection of all minority rights."

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Immunization Against Diphtheria Urged Here

The tenth death from diphtheria to be reported in New York City in 1943 occurred in the week ending last Saturday, April 10, in Brooklyn. The victim was a three year old boy.

"In view of the fact that we had only seven deaths from diphtheria in all of 1942," said Health Commissioner Ernest L. Stebbins yesterday, "the current rise in deaths from this disease indicates only one thing, and that is that immunization against diphtheria is lagging. Every infant should be immunized when nine months old and I urge that every unimmunized child be given the toxoid protective treatment without further delay."

The general death rate in the week just closed was 11.5, a decline of 0.3 from the preceding week. Deaths from all cause last week numbered 1,677, or 43 fewer than in the previous week. Increased mor-

ality was recorded for pneumonia and cancer, while declines were registered by cerebral hemorrhage, heart disease, nephritis and syphilis.

Infant deaths numbered 70—more than in the preceding week. Although increases were registered in infant deaths charged to pneumonia and to causes peculiar to early infancy, infant deaths from other causes declined.

"Newly reported cases of diphtheria and measles were higher than in the previous week while scarlet fever and whooping cough declined. Two deaths were charged to scarlet fever and one to measles."

"Pneumonia increased both in newly reported cases and as a cause of death. No significance can be attached to the data on influenza."

"Meningococcus meningitis showed a decline in newly reported cases, but an increase in deaths."

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A.F.L. Bakers Back Labor Stadium Rally

NAM His Guide, Boasts Adm. Land

By Adam Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Admiral Emory (Shoot 'em at Sunrise) Land thinks the duPont-controlled, anti-labor National Association of Manufacturers has all the answers. Asked at a hearing of the House Military Affairs Committee whether he had any proposals to end alleged union practices to stretch out the work, Land replied:

"I don't think I should answer that because it is covered by the National Association of Manufacturers in their program."

As he spoke, Land held in his hand a statement on so-called "feather-bedding" practices by the NAM.

Land also gave his full endorsement to the Austin-Wadsworth bill to draft labor which is opposed by the entire labor movement.

"It appears that some mandatory power must be provided, sooner or later, to make the necessary controls workable and effective, if workers are to be retained and new labor supplied where needed," Land said.

"If this is sound logic, the problem of legislation can be stated in a well-known advertising slogan: 'Eventually, why not now?'"

The War Shipping Administration, headed by Land, has been severely criticized by CIO Maritime unions for its virtually complete failure to do an effective job of organizing the shipping industry for the war effort.

Unwilling to make planned, coordinated use of available manpower and facilities, Land seems to have come to the conclusion that he can get out of his difficulties by advocating a compulsory draft of labor.

Urges Big May 2 Victory Meeting

The New York Joint Board of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union, AFL, yesterday announced its official endorsement of the May Labor Victory Rally, to be held at the Yankee Stadium. In announcing the endorsement, Frank Dutto, Chairman of the Joint Board of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union, called on all American Federation of Labor unionists to "pack the May 2 Rally."

"This official endorsement from our Joint Board is a concrete realization of one of the aims of the Rally, which is trade union unity to win the war," said Mr. Dutto. "All America, our soldiers at the front, indeed, all the world, must be told in rousing terms that labor is united for Victory. Only trade union unity can assure that maximum war production which is an absolute essential. Only trade union unity can defeat the reactionaries and defeatists who are trying to impede our war effort, for their own selfish purposes."

Endorsement by the bakers with an affiliated membership of more than 20,000, brings some of the oldest AFL locals in America on the list of supporters of the great rally.

Endorsements continue to come in from AFL and CIO unions the Labor for Unity and Victory Committee arranging the rally, announced from its offices at 80 East 11th St.

Cancel Meat Ceilings; See Roll-Back

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hullabaloo as they did in the case of grade labeling.

REEXAMINE PRICES
Sylvan L. Joseph, regional administrator, received the suspension order from Washington early yesterday. He was informed that the postponement of the new regulation until Monday, May 17, makes possible a fuller reexamination of ceilings in order to insure that they are in accord with the directive requiring a tightening of prices of all cost of living commodities.

The new regulation was designed to correct market prices which resulted from the former "freeze" price regulations. It also aimed to provide a readjustment of retail margins to offset increases in wholesale prices, which had been granted last September but not passed on at retail.

The new regulation which was to have become effective today pegged meat prices in New York City considerably below their present black market levels. New prices are considerably higher than original March ceilings. The regulation affected 102 cuts of meat in five officially established grades of beef and veal, four grades of lamb and three grades of mutton.

The regulation is the first to set grade prices at the consumer level for meats assuring consumers standard quality.

Stephan to Hang As Traitor Apr. 27
DETROIT, April 14 (UP).—Max Stephan will be hanged at sunrise April 27 for treason against the United States, his adopted country, Federal Judge Arthur J. Tuttle ruled today.

STILL BOTHERED
Now that they're both free and proved innocent, the men are still troubled by "talk going all through the project about 'muggers,'" Mr. Barrett went on.

"Last night," he said, "a white woman followed me across the street to the grocery store and asked me if I knew about the 'muggers' here. When I said, yes, because I was one of them, you should have seen her blush. And every time either of us go out of the house, people lean out the windows. You can just hear them say, 'There go the muggers.'"

He paused. "I don't blame them, though," he said. "It's the way the papers painted it up. I'd almost believe it myself if I didn't know because I was in it that it's all phony."

He paused. "Those people that are wasting all that time looking for 'muggers' might better be helping win the war," he said, "instead of making us lose valuable time on our war jobs."

Blizzards Snow In Berkshires

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., April 14 (UP).—An April blizzard left six inches of snow in the Berkshires today. The situation was especially acute because all playing equipment has been dismantled.

The snow left the Berkshires with an all-time snow fall record of 145.5 inches for the winter. Nearest approach to the record was in the winter of 1915-16 when 139.8 inches of snow fell.

Litvinoff Meets Batista



Shown in Havana after presenting his credentials of office, is Soviet ambassador to the United States Maxim Litvinoff, left, who has also been appointed ambassador to Cuba. Litvinoff is shown with President Fulgencio Batista.

Women Discuss Aid To Pan Americas

How the women of the America's can help keep their countries united was the subject of discussion at a Pan-American Day meeting in Times Hall yesterday afternoon. Women delegates from Bolivia, the Argentine, and the Dominican Republic shared the platform with prominent club women from the United States and Canada.

"This desperate war situation," stated Miss Minerva Bernardino, delegate of the Dominican Republic and vice-chairman of the Inter-American Commission, "is a total war that affects all citizens in all free countries, irrespective of age, sex or economic status."

Explaining that "unjustified inequality of rights on the basis of sex" in many Latin American countries has handicapped their cooperation in the fight for victory, she went on:

"The women of Latin America trust that in the reconstruction of tomorrow they will share on equal terms with the men the responsibilities which citizenship entails in the solution of all problems."

"Otherwise, any struggle for democracy cannot be justified, since women represent half of the population of the world."

Senora Carmen B. de Lozada, delegate from Bolivia, in discussing educational problems of Latin America, urged "that one cannot separate learning from eating," pointing out that the economic condition of the great majority of the people in her country has stood in the way of educational advancement.

"No progress in education is possible," she stated, "where there is not an even progress in the institutional, political, economic and social institutions of the country."

Referring to the "remarkable statement" in the Soviet Union "one hundred million people have learned how to read and write in the last twenty years," she continued:

"This fact proves that it is not impossible to wipe out illiteracy in the near future among our one hundred twenty-five million of Latin Americans. It is idle to speculate that the good will of this country towards the other American Republics can have effective beneficial results just by sending experts in the field of education or sanitation."

Other speakers at the meeting, which was sponsored jointly by the National Council of Women, the Pan-American Women's Association, and the New York Times, included Mary N. Winslow, U. S. delegate on the Inter-American Commission of Women; Maria Rose Oliver, editor and writer from the Argentine; Mrs. F. B. Cutter, president of Canadian Women's Clubs; Miss Muna Lee of the U. S. Department of State and Miss Frances Grant president of the Pan-American Women's Association. Rita Hall Kleeman acted as chairman.

YCL Broadcast To Honor Jefferson

The application of the principles of Thomas Jefferson in relation to America's foreign policy today will be the theme of a special broadcast by the New York State Young Communist League on Friday, April 16, Station WQXR, 9:30-9:55 P. M.

This thought will be presented both dramatically in an original radio script and in the featured speech by Carl Ross, state president of the YCL.

The broadcast will also mark the 21st Anniversary of the Young Communist League.

Members of the Young Communist League and their friends will listen in at scores of club meetings and special house parties. The college division of the Young Communist League is holding a special birthday anniversary open house at New York University, Washington Square College, 230 Greene St. Several hundred college students will tune in to the broadcast.

Both State Secretary Darcy, in his main report, and John Williamson, in summing up the meeting, pointed out that the discontent of many workers over the sabotaging by anti-Roosevelt forces of the President's anti-inflation program, and resentment against provocations by union-hating industrialists, need to be channeled into demands for quick victory by the invasion of Europe.

"The immediate invasion of Europe, to wipe out Hitler is the key," said Sam Darcy, "not only to victory over Axis, but also to defeating the labor-haters and defeatists in Pennsylvania."

In discussing the many anti-labor bills now in the State Legislature at Harrisburg, Sam Darcy reminded the Committee of the demonstration of the 10,000 bootleg miners, which won a victory for them in 1938, and that a similar demonstration of labor's unity and strength by the AFL, CIO, Railroad Brotherhoods and miners would undoubtedly defeat the present wave of anti-labor hysteria.

Pat Cuth, veteran Irish-American steel organizer, and Ben Carruthers, Pittsburgh Negro leader, chaired the Committee's sessions.

Dock Workers Hit Ban on Win-War Group's Meeting

Longshoremen last night were sharply protesting the ban that hall owners and officers of the International Longshoremen's Association, AFL, have imposed on free speech on the Brooklyn waterfront.

At the last moment the proprietor of Star Hall, 117 Carroll St., Brooklyn, took back his promise to rent the place to the ILA Win the War Committee.

Assemblyman John J. Lamula of the First A. D. in Manhattan, an Italian-American win the war leader, was to have spoken.

This is the second move of a kind by a Brooklyn waterfront hall owner in two weeks.

Sunday before last, however, a Brooklyn Catholic Church opened its doors to the win the war committee after a hall owner reneged. Nearly a thousand longshoremen crowded into the church to hear Representative Vito Marcantonio of the Twentieth Congressional District of New York on that occasion.

The ILA Win the War Committee is leading the fight to abolish the "shape-up" system of hiring, which opens the dock gates to racketeers and saboteurs and slows up war shipping.

Its chairman is Anthony Anastasia; its secretary, Ralph DiBona. Lamula and other scheduled speakers intended to expose the motive behind the campaign of ILA leaders to make longshoremen sign a so-called "loyalty" pledge on the docks.

The "loyalty" pledge is not to the United States Government. It is to the ILA bureaucracy.

Many men have refused to sign, despite the blackballing of some workers.

Second Front Harlem Rally To Hear Powell

Councilman Adam Clayton Powell has been added to the list of speakers for the Second Front Rally called by the Upper Harlem Section of the Communist Party for next Saturday, April 17, from 4 to 7 P. M. at 141st and Edgecombe Ave.

Other speakers are Dr. Lawrence Motley, National Council of Negro Youth; Dorothy K. Funn, Negro Labor Victory Committee; Ferdinand Smith, National Maritime Union; Daisy George, Local 8, Hotel and Club Employees Union; John Goodman, secretary-treasurer, Local 144, Hotel Front Employees Union, AFL; Rev. Ethelred Brown.

Additional speakers will be Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., executive secretary, Upper Harlem and chairman of the New York County Communist Party; Audley Moore, organizer, and Elizabeth Barker, administrative secretary of the Upper Harlem section; and Rose Gaudin, for 18 years a nurse in the Harlem Hospital.

While the 18th A. D. was the only section heard from in Kings and not one section reported from Queens it was understood that their reports are "on the way" and will be listed in tomorrow's Daily Worker.

All reporters for all sections are urged to call in their figures to Jack Martin at ALgonquin 4-8707 every day before 4 P. M. so that the reports can be listed in the paper.

Invade Europe, Pennsylvania CIO Appeals

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delegates by state president Phillips, chairman of the convention, and was booted down.

The feeling of the delegates about relations with the Soviet Union, Great Britain and our other allies was shown in the loud applause that greeted Albert Shepard, United Office and Professional Workers, who spoke in behalf of the International Trade Union Unity resolution, which was unanimously passed.

On a strong Negro rights resolution, Tony Artolano, of the Monessen Steel Lodge urged delegates not just to vote for the resolution, but to start fighting prejudice in their own locals, and cited the successful experience of his own Local No. 1229.

"Powerful interests, when they think of a second front, think of it as an attack on labor," John Brophy told this win-the-war convention. He urged more coordinated action by the CIO along with the AFL, Railroad Brotherhoods, and dirt farmers locally and nationally to defeat the defeatists and labor-haters, particularly in the coming elections, and in the 1944 primaries.

"A federation of the world, in which Europe, America, Russia, China, the Latin American nations, would be component parts," was proposed by Brophy.

Milk Drivers 'Deliver' Blood

Beginning today New York City milk drivers will deliver more than milk.

Members of Local 594 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers, AFL, have pledged to deliver—beginning today—over 400 pints of blood daily for the next 30 days. The blood will be given at the blood donors' service of the American Red Cross at 2 East 37th St.

It is estimated that this is the largest donation of any organization in such a period.

Recruiting News

Illinois-Indiana Sets New Quota

The Illinois-Indiana District, within sight of its goal of 1,200 new members, has set itself a new goal of 1,700 by May 1. It is expected that next Sunday's "Mobilization Day" will start the District well on its way to recruit the additional 500 members.

Each Chicago section is organizing its membership for next Sunday. They will visit several thousand Worker readers, shopmates and other friends of the Party. Lists are already being prepared in every Branch. The South Side Section, in competition with Harlem, is worried about their lagging behind, and have called an emergency conference for Friday to try and get into serious competition with Harlem. The 24th Ward Branch in Chicago is holding a breakfast Sunday morning of all its members to start them off on visiting their contacts. Every

other Branch and Section is working out its own particular plans. In its effort to recruit 500 additional new members by May 1st, the Illinois-Indiana District reports that it is concentrating on industrial workers, both men and women. They are determined to recruit 200 auto workers, 150 steel workers and 75 from electrical and metal industries.

The Illinois-Indiana District with 1,182 new members—within 18 of its goal of 1,200—sets an example for the California District with a similar goal, to follow.

8th A.D., North Bronx Leads Renewal Drive

Taking the lead in the city-wide competition in the Victory Renewal Mobilization today, the 8th AD North Bronx section, headed by Rose Chernin, organizer and Al Saunders, Press Director hit 49 per cent of their quota for April renewals.

In Kings, the 18th A. D. jumped far into the lead with their success in the first night's results. Dave Rosenberg, former press director of the Industrial Division and now the Section Organizer is certainly showing his "nettle" in his new home.

It looks as if the headquarters of the 18th has already picked out the proper site bookcase for the set of American history offered by the State Committee of the Communist Party for the leading section in each county.

Perhaps Dave's interest in American history has done much to stimulate the comrades along Bay Parkway. Anyway, they lead the county when leadership counts.

In New York County, Rena Burton announced proudly that First and Second A. D. had continued its splendid activity by jumping 15 per cent as a result of the first night's mobilization. Now in first place in the county, Rena said, "we'll do our damndest to keep there."

Other sections heard from today included the 12th A. D. Manhattan with an increase of five per cent and the Washington Heights section with a three per cent increase.

In the Bronx, the 1-3 A. D. reported a three per cent rise, the Third A. D. a four per cent rise, and the Seventh A. D. also a four per cent rise.

While the 18th A. D. was the only section heard from in Kings and not one section reported from Queens it was understood that their reports are "on the way" and will be listed in tomorrow's Daily Worker.

All reporters for all sections are urged to call in their figures to Jack Martin at ALgonquin 4-8707 every day before 4 P. M. so that the reports can be listed in the paper.

Name 4 Captains To Commodores

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP).—The White House announced today nomination of four Navy captains for promotion to the rank of Commodore which was revived last week by an Act of Congress. The rank is between Captain and Rear Admiral.

Unity Slate Triumphs in Waiters Poll

(Continued from Page 1)

Frank Boitacchini, Anne P. Christie, Max Fried and John Green.

The contest extended to the election of the executive board and trustees and here, too, the opposition received a shattering.

Desperate efforts had been made by a small clique of disrupters to prevent the united slate from being formed. Pre-nomination tactics on their part centered on an attempt to drive a wedge between Albertson and his progressive, left-wing supporters, and Social-Democrats and others.

The united ticket was achieved, however, and those elected represent the Square Deal Club, which Albertson heads, the Non-Partisan Club and the Progressive Club, three groups within the local.

When they saw that it was impossible to destroy the unity, the opposition entered its own full slate and sought to elect one on the basis of demagogic union questions. So strong was the unity of the administration ticket, that oppositionists did not dare to red-bait during the actual campaign itself.

The program of the administration slate called for full support to the war, organization of the unorganized, maintenance and improvement of conditions in the industry and the like. The local, which already has an outstanding record for war activities and support to Allied war relief. With all constructive forces consolidated, further advances along these lines are predicted for the local.

Too Late and Too Long
PONTIAC, Mich., April 14 (UP).—After several years of trying to get a new fire engine, the city finally got financial and priorities clearance for a \$17,000 beauty.

Box Score

Victory Renewal Mobilization

SECTION	Total Renewals for April	% turned in to date
N. Y. County		
1-3 A.D. *****	216	24
3-5 A.D. *****	230	22
4th A.D. ****	97	16
6th A.D. *****	74	20
8th A.D. *****	111	31
7-9-11 A.D. *****	309	29
12th A.D. *****	170	29
14th A.D. *****	90	32
16th A.D. *****	76	24
22nd A.D. ****	96	11
Washington Heights *****	153	31
Lower Harlem *****	72	19
East Harlem *****	130	11
Upper Harlem *****	336	5
Brooklyn County		
1-2 A.D. *****	495	19
3rd A.D. *****	185	40
4-5 A.D. *****	267	26
6th A.D. *****	663	36
7th A.D. *****	438	29
Upper 8th *****	276	49
Lower 8th *****	386	24
Queens County		
1-2 A.D. *****	254	46
3rd A.D. *****	126	16
4th A.D. *****	135	8
Kings County		
1-3-7 A.D. *****	160	17
2nd A.D. *****	247	26
Ocean Fl. *****	160	17
9-12-21 A.D. *****	583	24
16th A.D. *****	234	40
18th A.D. *****	440	15
22nd-23rd A.D. *****	444	12
17th A.D. *****	100	6
Williamsburg *****	365	15

* Each star equals 5% of quota.

FDR's Order: How It Affects Food

This is the third of a series of six articles on FDR's Price Control Order.

By Mac Gordon

FROM the moment the President advanced his 7-point economic stabilization program back in April of 1942, he faced a heavy continuous offensive from certain profiteering interests in the field of food production and distribution.

The offensive of these interests against the 7-point program was gradually pushing back the forces of stabilization. With the passage of the Bankhead parity revision bill through both Houses of Congress, and the threatened passage of the more drastic Price Control Act, the retreat of the stabilization forces threatened to become a rout.

The President's hold-the-line order has halted the offensive, though it has by no means crushed the foe.

The "Farm Bloc" profiteer offensive was a three-pronged drive:

(1) It attacked the anti-inflation program in Congress by trying to upset the formula for farm price stabilization.

(2) It attacked the Administration food production program, specifically in relation to prices.

(3) It attacked the operations of the price control law by harassing OPA, and by putting continuous pressure on the Department of Agriculture.

THE first drive reached a high point when Congress was considering the stabilization program last September. It took the form of an amendment to the Administration anti-inflation measure in Congress, similar in substance to the Price Bill. It would add farm labor costs, including the labor of the farmer and his family, to the parity formula, thus boosting food prices about 12 per cent. Such an amendment passed the House, and was stopped at the last minute in the Senate by a coalition of labor, farmers, and middle class groups.

Following defeat of the amendment in the Senate, and passage of the anti-inflation measure without it, the "Farm Bloc" immediately introduced new bills to change the parity formula, and has almost succeeded in pushing them through.

The argument of the powerful farm lobby pushing these bills, and of the congressional "Farm Bloc," is that they are necessary to food production, because the farmer needs higher prices in order to compete for labor.

The chief driving force behind these bills, however, are the short staple cotton and tobacco plantation owners of the South, whose products are useless to the war effort. There is better than a two-year supply of short staple cotton and tobacco already on hand.

Thus, passage of these bills is simply a subsidy for the production of useless fibers, for the wasting of 23 per cent of the nation's farm labor power, for the using up of

immense amounts of badly needed land, fertilizer, machinery.

THE second prong of the "Farm Bloc" offensive was directed at the government program of promoting conversion and increased production of essential foods and fibers by incentive payments and subsidies. This would increase farm income, but in such a way as to encourage necessary production and at the same time to prevent inflation.

It is easy to understand why the "Farm Bloc" fought this. It wants no "substitutes" for increased prices for its non-essential products, and it said so.

The President's Order states on this point:

"Nothing herein . . . shall . . . prevent . . . such support prices, subsidies or other inducements . . . deemed necessary to maintain or increase production, provided that such action does not increase the cost of living."

The third drive, against OPA and the Department of Agriculture, had, and has, as its objective attempts to hold up the placing of effective ceilings on food products, the piercing of ceilings already decreed, and the prevention of enforcement through attacks on the appropriation and methods of OPA.

In this they were fairly successful. They prevented the placing of effective ceilings on vital foods for many months, and there are still some foods on which ceilings have not been placed. The President's Order says, on this point, that the Food and Price Administrators are directed "to place ceilings on all commodities affecting the cost of living."

There is revolt among the farmers at the activities of the "farm lobby" crowd. The farmers know the meaning of inflation and want none of it. Within the farm lobby that is behind the "Farm Bloc," there is now a split on the Price Bill because of the kick-back from the farmers.

But this lobby is, as yet, by no means crushed. Its antics must be carefully watched. Above all, effective farmer-labor unity has got to be established to stop it dead, and labor particularly has to enter the fight for the Administration farm production program.

(The fourth article by George Morris appearing tomorrow will discuss the President's "hold-the-line" policy and its effect on wages.

Ship Stalled 30 Days in War Zone; NMU Heroes Do It in Record Time

Remember the phony Guadalcanal story—the one about alleged unnamed "marines" who told an Akron lady reporter of an alleged National Maritime Union crew that allegedly refused to unload cargo at Guadalcanal?

Navy officers and even a Congressional committee have properly buried that story in the archives of prize hoaxes of 1942.

But just how phony such stories are and how untrue such slanders are against the NMU was vividly described by members of a crew that recently docked at San Francisco after a trip to the Southern Pacific.

Here is the story of 80 CIO heroes as it was reported in the Labor Herald, CIO paper of California:

A story of how union men, fighting to defeat fascism and defend labor against appeaser slanders, chalked up a world record for the war effort, was told by a National Maritime Union crew today.

Faced by acute manpower shortage that prevented military authorities in the South Pacific from assigning their ship a longshore gang, the 80 CIO men turned to and, working as many as 32 consecutive hours, had their war cargo ashore in 18 days, completing a job expected to take 30 days.

Speaking for all the crew—deck, engine and stewards departments—Able Bodied Seaman James K. Kendall, ship's delegate, told the story. He stressed that there were no individual "stars," that the achievement was a group job made possible by cooperation.

"We lay offshore for 30 days," Kendall said. "There was no action on our cargo, and the crew, knowing how vital the supplies were to the war effort, got restless."

The ship's boss "Salter" McCuskey, a former ILWU longshoreman from San Pedro, took the crew's complaint ashore to the army officer in command.

The army sent back word that the ship, a C-2 freighter, wasn't even on the unloading list, and that no time had been set for work to begin on its cargo.

"They said that if the crew would unload, the military command would furnish us barges," Kendall said.

"The authorities asked if we'd work 8 hours. We held a crew meeting and sent back word that we'd work 16."

"We had heard those lies printed in some newspapers that NMU crews had refused to unload on Sunday, so we decided to show them up."

On Feb. 28, at 8 A. M., the huge job began. Port authorities expected that crew to knock off at midnight, but throughout the following weeks work continued often to 2 A. M.

About the world unloading record, Kendall said:

"Throughout the job we averaged a steady 15 tons per hour, which is good considering we were loading

to barges in water that often was rough and the native bargemen were inexperienced."

Kendall gave full credit to the Navy gun crew, whose members, some of whom weighed only 130 pounds, kept even with the huskiest seamen in the unloading job.

The crew shipped out of San Francisco NMU hall, but it included men from all over the country, and of all nationalities.

A Negro band composed of army men entertained at one of the crew's shows, and when the musicians left they said "they'd never been treated better," Kendall said.

The crew received congratulations from the Army Transport Service commander in a wire thanking them for "work well done."

Not satisfied with their record job in the South Pacific, 25 members of the crew donated blood to the Red Cross blood bank three days after their arrival in San Francisco.

Before the war, Emerson was the largest radio set shop in New York City and one of the largest producers of small radios in the country. The plant is now engaged 100 per cent on war work.

Negotiations for a contract will get under way shortly under the direction of union president, James J. Conroy, who was in charge of the organizing campaign.

DRESSMAKERS PLAN FOR MAY 2 RALLY

Dressmakers, members of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, interested in supporting the May 2 Yankee Stadium rally for Unity and Victory will gather at Malin's Studio, 135 West 44th St. today at 6:30 P. M. to plan a big turnout.

STUDY INEQUALITIES IN GIMBEL WAGES

New steps to win increases in pay for Gimbel Department Store Employees are being initiated by their union, Local 2, United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees; Anna Blanche, manager, said yesterday.

A wage survey will be undertaken immediately to prove that wages at Gimbel's are unequal and sub-standard, Miss Blanche said.

The Gimbel employees just got a raise of \$1.82 a week under a National War Labor Board decision. This fell short of their demands and short of the recommendations made by an arbitrator because the board took the position that reductions in hours, won Jan. 1, 1942, counted as increases in pay toward the 15 per cent ceiling on wages.

Nevertheless the award represents a "first step toward victory in the union's fight" for decent wages, Miss Blanche said, recalling that management sought to limit raises to 44 cents a week. While it prepares for new wage discussions, the union will conduct a fight in support of President Roosevelt's "hold-the-line" order to see to it that prices are rolled back to September levels.

CONTRACT WON AT WOOD ART CORP.

The Wood Art Construction, Inc., located at 52-55 74th St., Maspeth, L. I., engaged in war production and employing over 100 employees has just signed a contract with the Furniture Workers' Union, Local 78-B.

A \$2.00 increase in wages was granted to all the employees pending the approval of the National War Labor Board.

The agreement also provided for vacations with pay and all other uniform conditions which the other shops of this local enjoy.

UNION STARTS CAREER SCHOOL

The State, County and Municipal Workers, which makes unionists out of career men, is also going to make career men out of unionists, under a new program.

A series of courses to prepare candidates for promotion examination will begin next week, arranged by the union's Career Service School.

Classes for Clerk Grade 3 and 4 and for Correction Officer will be held. The clerk courses will be on Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 P. M., and the Correction Officer courses on Tuesday and Friday nights from 7 to 9 P. M.

Registration is open nightly at union headquarters, 13 Astor Pl., at 8 o'clock. Fees for the course are \$10 for union members and \$30 for non-members.

BAKERS ELECT PROGRESSIVES

By a two to one vote, members of Bakers and Confectionary Workers, Local 579, AFL, repudiated red-baiting, unity splitting disrupters and reelected Oscar Shindler, manager, and the entire progressive administration slate in an annual poll recently.

Nearly 1,400 voted in the elections. The opposition, which put forward candidates for the most important posts, had been strongly supported by The Jewish Daily Forward.

Besides Shindler, those elected are: Max Kralstein, secretary; Max Dubin, chairman; Julius Meyerowitz, vice-chairman; Harry Katz, recording secretary. Business agents are Max Kaplan, Dave Kralstein, Philip Sidorowicz, Meyer Weinstein and Isaac Aaronson.

Woodworkers Back FDR Fight On Inflation

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DULUTH, April 14.—Efforts of President Roosevelt to stabilize the economy of the country were praised by the Midwest District of the International Woodworkers of America in a letter addressed to the chief executive, signed by all the delegates attending the convention Sunday in Puhr Hall.

The letter commended the President for vetoing the Bankhead Bill and also expressed confidence that his order on prices and wages issued on April 8 would not interfere with raising of sub-standard wage scales.

The convention urged support for the Pepper-Kilgore-Tolan bill providing for an over-all production plan and voted "whole-hearted accord with the Casablanca decisions . . . for the opening of a second front in Europe."

In a resolution sent to the War Labor Board, sharp criticism was expressed against the recommendation of a War Labor Board panel which set the retroactive date for any wage increase that might be allowed to January 14th instead of from the time that the contracts with timber operators expired. Only cases in northern Michigan and northern Wisconsin are affected by the panel recommendation.

Twenty-eight delegates from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan attended.

Signers of the letter to the President included the following officials of the Midwest District Council of the IWA: Umar Koluncin, president; Swan Aserson, vice president and Stephen Hicks, secretary-treasurer. Others who signed the letter were the following special representatives of the I. W. A.: Clifford Baker, Rhinelander, Wis. Walter I. Young, Ironwood and Edward J. Lambert, Lacuna, Wis.

UAW Executive Board to Meet

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, April 14 (UP).—R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers (UAW) said today a special meeting of the union's international executive board will be held here early next week.

Thomas said the meeting was called to act on the situation created by President Roosevelt's "hold-the-line" order freezing all wages and prices after April 8. He said there would be a conference on the same subject at Washington tomorrow with officers of the CIO union attending.

pending legislation in the State and National Congress.

"That the WLB continue its present policy on wages of adjusting inequalities and sub-standard rates in industry and area."

"We call upon the whole membership of the CIO to give leadership in the people's fight to awaken in every instrumentality of America a true reflection of the people's will to victory. We urge all of our affiliated unions to undertake to mobilize practical support for the practical measures by which victory will be won. We urge all of our affiliated locals to institute public meetings, to take our program to the community through newspaper advertisements, to consider petition campaigns and similar means of registering the people's support of this program."

Blimp Crashes, No One Killed

HOLLISTER, Calif., April 14 (UP).—A naval patrol blimp from Moffett Field, Calif., crashed into a mountainside nine miles west of here last night or early today, the sheriff's office said.

The crash first was reported in San Francisco by the 12th Naval District. Neither the navy nor the sheriff's office had been able to obtain details of the accident. Nine men were reported aboard.

Two survivors walked to the highway from the scene of the crash, but were unable to direct searchers to the fallen blimp, the non-rigid type of aircraft used by the navy in patrol work.

Searchers started a fire in the area in the hopes other survivors would be attracted.

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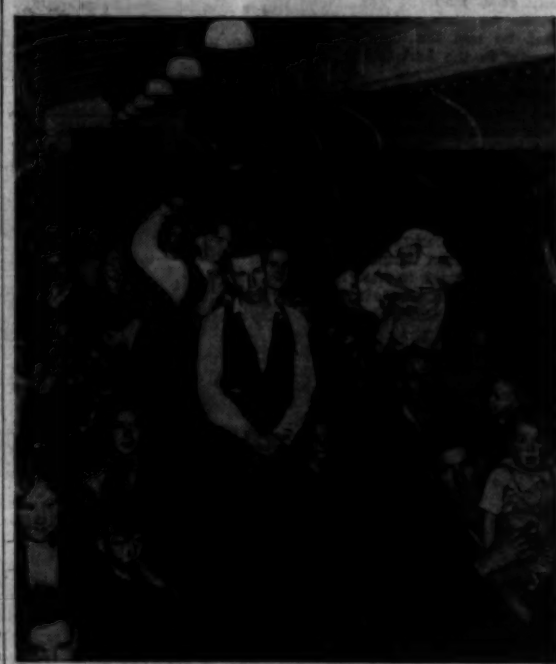
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Headed for Greener Fields



To help win the battle of the food front, the Federal Security Administration moves these farm families, 27 men and women and 23 children, from West Virginia to Stafford Springs, Conn. They are in a coach at New York, en route to their new homes.

UE Wins in Otis Elevator Election

(Special to the Daily Worker)

YONKERS, April 14.—Long years spent in organizing efforts at the Otis Elevator Co., here, were crowned with success today as the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, was chosen sole bargaining agent for approximately 1,600 workers. A total of 1,089 votes were cast for the UE. Only 381 voted no union.

Otis workers are members of Local 543, which has been carrying on its organizing campaign at the shop for approximately 19 months. For years before that other unions sought to do the job. At one time, unionization was well under way but management employed labor spies who helped to destroy it. The spies were uncovered in the LaFollette civil liberties probe.

Edwin Seal, a UE organizer now in the Army, and Morris Casarotti, president of the Westchester CIO Council, led the successful campaign with the assistance of Walter Barry, International union representative.

and an active committee of Otis workers. Edward Oleksi, acting president of the local, headed the union's drive committee.

Name Bitner to WPB Printing Division

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP).—The War Production Board today announced the appointment of Harry M. Bitner, Pittsburgh publisher, as a Deputy Director of the Printing and Publishing Division of WPB.

Your Money's Worth: Mom Makes Some New Friends

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CIO Here Meets Tonight On Wage Issue

(Special to the Daily Worker)

The New York CIO has summoned representatives of its 250 local union affiliates, having an aggregate membership of more than 500,000, to a special meeting at the Fraternal Clubhouse, 110 W. 48th St. tonight to take steps "implementing the call of national CIO President Philip Murray for organized labor to fight against perpetuation of wage inequalities."

A special communication from President Murray outlining CIO's position on President Roosevelt's Executive Order of last week will be given each CIO official at the meeting. CIO members on the New York-New Jersey Regional War Labor Board, headed by Samuel Wolchok, international president of the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees, will report to the meeting.

An intensified campaign to mobilize labor and general public support for enforcement of OPA price ceilings and the rolling back of prices on food and other essential commodities to their Sept. 15, 1942, levels, as outlined in President Roosevelt's Executive Order, together with a campaign to permit the War Labor Board to continue adjustment of wage inequalities, will be outlined at the meeting.

The recently established CIO Community Councils, in all residential sections of the city, will be asked to be the spearheads of joint consumer activities for the enforcement of price ceilings and for protection against further rises in prices in each neighborhood.

Land Backs Labor Draft Bill

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP).—War Shipping Administrator Emory S. Land told the House Military Affairs Committee today that 650,000 to 750,000 additional employees must be recruited this year for essential work in the maritime field.

He said he was "entirely in accord" with the Austin-Wadsworth National Labor Service Bill to provide for compulsory assignment of civilians to jobs.

The "preventive medicine" of legislative action by Congress would be "far more easily carried out, or far more easily obeyed" than any executive order on the manpower problem, he said.

Today's Recipes

WHOLE WHEAT FRENCH TOAST

1 egg, slightly beaten
4 teaspoon salt
5 slices of bread
1 cup milk
1 tablespoonful sugar
Fat to grease griddle

Add salt, sugar and milk to slightly beaten egg. Dip pieces of bread into egg mixture. Cook the soaked slices of bread on a well-greased griddle. Brown on one side, turn over and brown on other side. Serve with maple syrup or jam.

CHOPPED LIVER

Pork and lamb liver should be scalded before cooking.

To grind liver, drop first in boiling water. Simmer a few minutes. Remove outer skin and grind. Mix ground liver with meat in loaf or hamburger form. Here is a favorite of many.

Use mayonnaise or rendered chicken fat to make a paste of fried or left-over liver, chopped with browned onions and hard-boiled eggs. Serve a scoop or two on a lettuce leaf. For that special nice flavor, pour a little fat over the ball of liver just before serving. Salt and pepper to taste. Use some of the liver paste as a sandwich spread in lunch box sandwiches. It's nourishing and tastes good too.

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Union Lookout

IT TOOK 11 YEARS BUT CIO BANNER NOW FLIES AT EMERSON RADIO SHOP

An 11-year fight to organize the employees of the Emerson Radio & Phonograph Corp. of New York has ended with a CIO victory.

A card check conducted by the National Labor Relations Board designated Local 430, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, as sole bargaining agent for the 613 workers. A total of 436 employees had chosen the union.

The card check was made as of the payroll of March 6 with hundreds of workers new to the shop included. Had the check been made as of a later payroll date, says the union, the check would have shown an 85 per cent majority.

Before the war, Emerson was the largest radio set shop in New York City and one of the largest producers of small radios in the country. The plant is now engaged 100 per cent on war work.

Negotiations for a contract will get under way shortly under the direction of union president, James J. Conroy, who was in charge of the organizing campaign.

DRESSMAKERS PLAN FOR MAY 2 RALLY

Dressmakers, members of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, interested in supporting the May 2 Yankee Stadium rally for Unity and Victory will gather at Malin's Studio, 135 West 44th St. today at 6:30 P. M. to plan a big turnout.

STUDY INEQUALITIES IN GIMBEL WAGES

New steps to win increases in pay for Gimbel Department Store Employees are being initiated by their union, Local 2, United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees; Anna Blanche, manager, said yesterday.

A wage survey will be undertaken immediately to prove that wages at Gimbel's are unequal and sub-standard, Miss Blanche said.

The Gimbel employees just got a raise of \$1.82 a week under a National War Labor Board decision. This fell short of their

Bums, Eh? Dodgers Beat Giants, Yanks, 6-1, 1-0

35,000 at CDVO Games See
Bums Hold Foes to 4, 2 Hits

By Phil Gordon

Smile when you say that, brother! I mean when you say BUM in speaking of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The Dodgers may be Bums but if they are then the Giants and Yanks will be changing the names on their uniforms very soon. For the Dodgers trimmed the pants off both the Giants and Yankees yesterday at the Yankee Stadium in the triple-double header played for the CDVO. The scores were 6-1, 1-0.

A crowd of slightly more than 35,000 fans sat in on the proceedings with their eyes popping as the erstwhile Brooklyn madcaps ran off with the double header and allowed the Yanks only four hits and then halved that anemic figure to set the Giants back with but two hits—both singles by rookie Sid Gordon.

In the first game Bobo Newsom and Les Webber combined to set the once proud Yanks back on their heels for their eighth straight Yankee Stadium defeat. In the second game it was Max Macon and Ed Head who, but for Gordon, would have pitched a no-hitter.

In all it was quite a day for the Dodgers and showed clearly how far they are ahead of the other teams in training. Their stay in the great indoor gym at West Point certainly is paying dividends.

The Dodgers played the Yanks in the first game and by winning met the Giants in the nightcap.

The first game was no contest, as the Dodgers made it four in a row over the Bombers. For in the fourth inning the Bums scored two runs, added three more in the sixth and one more in the eighth, while holding the Yanks to only one run.

Vaughan started the scoring in the fourth by smacking a single to right. Dixie Walker worked Spud Chandler for a base on balls and then Ducky Medwick continued his batting spree by rifling a shot to left for two bases. Arlie scoring and Walker holding up easily at third.

The second run came across as Dolf Camilli rolled out to Chandler. In the sixth Walker singled to right and then Medwick hoisted a fly to left which dropped out of Metheny's glove, both men pulling up safe. Camilli then drove both across with a sharp double to right center and came in himself a moment later when Billy Herman cracked a one-baser through the middle of the diamond.

They added one more in the eighth when Dixie Walker drew a base on balls, took second on a wild pitch by Brewer and went to third on another wild throw. Medwick walked meanwhile and then Camilli forced Ducky at second, scoring Walker.

The Yanks saved themselves a whitewashing in the eighth when Robinson hit a single to right, went to second on an infield out and came across on Starnes' single to left.

GORDON PREVENTS NO-HITTER
The second game was tighter, but the Dodgers were better. At least their pitching was harder to hit. Save for Sid Gordon, the Dodgers would today have the first no-hitter of the year.

Macon and Ed Head were slightly untouchable and, except for a brief period of wildness, couldn't be hit. The Giants' two hits by Gordon came in the first and sixth innings and both were singles.

The only run of the ball game came in the second inning, when

Sian Bordagary opened by walking. Pat Ankerman forced him at second and after Paul Waner popped out Ortiz singled to right and Ankerman scooted around to third. Graham, playing first base after Camilli retired, was purposely passed to lead the bases and then Dee Moore dashed out a hit to pitcher. Whigg and the speedy Ankerman crossed the plate with what turned out to be the winning tally.

The Dodgers were so cocksure after this that they took out their entire first team in the third inning and put in a bunch of rookie and reserve men. Even these were able to hold the Giants scoreless the rest of the way. . . . Thanks of course to the exceptional pitching of Macon and Head. . . .

Both hits came off the slants of Macon—Head going three innings without giving up a bingle. . . . The Dodgers pulled four double-plays on the straining Giants and each one of them helped squelch potential rallies. . . .

In the sixth Mickey Witke drew a walk and Sid Gordon got his second single to right. But Oit's line drive to Kampouris resulted in a double-play and that was the end of their threat.

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At Evansville, Ind., Detroit (A) vs Minneapolis (AA), cancelled.
At Fort Belvoir, Va., Washington (A) vs Fort Belvoir, cancelled.
At Muncie, Ind., Pittsburgh (N) vs Ball State Teachers College, cancelled.

Rice in Two-Mile Race at Penn Relay
PHILADELPHIA, April 14.—Gregory Rice, America's greatest distance runner, will compete in a two-mile race at the University of Pennsylvania relay carnival on Franklin Field April 24. H. Jamison Swartz, director of the meet, said today.

Exhibition Game Results
At Philadelphia, Boston (N) vs Philadelphia (A), cancelled.
At St. Louis, St. Louis (A) vs St. Louis (N), cancelled.
At Evansville, Ind., Detroit (A) vs Minneapolis (AA), cancelled.
At Fort Belvoir, Va., Washington (A) vs Fort Belvoir, cancelled.
At Muncie, Ind., Pittsburgh (N) vs Ball State Teachers College, cancelled.

Cleveland Rally Hears Cacchione
(Special to the Daily Worker)
CLEVELAND, April 14.—More than 200 workers jammed the auditorium of the North Italian Hall in the West Side steel section Sunday afternoon to hear Peter V. Cacchione and endorse his call for the immediate invasion of Europe.

The audience, including over 100 Italian-Americans, applauded heartily as the Communist Councilman explained why anti-fascist Italian-Americans join with other workers in demanding the Second Front now.

"Pete" reviewed the glorious history of the Italian people, their democratic achievements, traditions and contributions to American life and culture and their proven loyalty to the four freedoms.

He called for unity of the six million Italian-Americans in the U.S. and the additional four million in Latin-America under the slogan of "Take Italy Out of the War." Cacchione also explained the need of guaranteeing that the people of Italy themselves be permitted to decide what kind of government they want after the war.

WHAT'S ON
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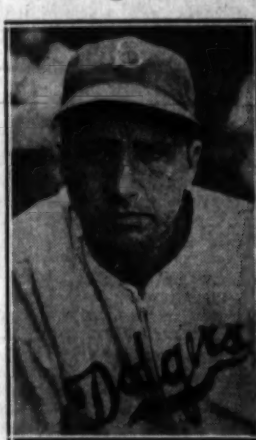
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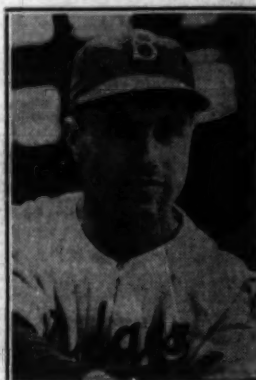
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Hitting Heroes



DIXIE WALKER



DOLF CAMILLI

Luke Carney, Manager Of Fritzie Zivic, Dies

Pittsburgh, April 14.—Luke Carney, manager of Fritzie Zivic, died here last night while visiting the home of his mother. The unexpected demise of Carney was attributed to a heart attack. Carney, who was in his 54th year, had been associated with the boxing game for thirty years.

His early ventures in the sport were around New York, where he trained and managed several boxers. After a time he drifted to Pittsburgh and Zivic caught his eye while the latter was boxing as an amateur. The two knew many lean days in the more than ten years of their association as they traveled over the country together and it was not until Fritzie defeated Henry Armstrong for the welterweight title that the two came into big money.

Lefty Gomez Visits Stadium; Braves Depend Upon Javery

By C. E. Dexter

A familiar figure strolled across the grass at Yankee Stadium the other afternoon, a lean figure wearing a gray uniform and a dirty leather wind-breaker. He sat on the Boston Braves' bench—and soon he was surrounded by newspaper men. "Hiya, Gomez," someone called. "What d'ye think of your new team?"

"Let Stengel answer that question," Lefty Gomez replied. Later, he boosted Al Javery, Boston right hander, to the skies. "He's got a big curve, a fast ball, a sinker—and he's a little screwy. A good pitcher needs to be a little screwy."

Of course, Lefty Gomez is screwy like a fox. His amiable wit, good manners and subtle bromides sometime conceal the fact that he was the greatest left-hander in the business for several seasons. Lefty didn't have too much physical equipment, either. He was underweight, and he'd been bothered by bad tonsils and bad teeth when he first became a Yankee, back in 1930. Ed Barrow of the Yankees paid for his dental bill, and for the yanking of his tonsils. The kid came back from St. Paul, where he'd been farmed, heavier and strong enough to pitch his way to the top of the American League.

"Everyone in Lexington—where I lived in the winter time—was asked to get a war job last winter," Lefty said. "So I worked in the 'accommodation department' of a big plant. I'm in good shape—pitched four innings and gave one run to Newark the other day. But imagine me trying to take off weight. . . . Times do change!"

The Braves looked surprisingly good in their single game against the Yankees. Johnny McCarthy, ex-Giant first baseman, knocked three hits, including a game winning home run. Eddie Joost, who came from the Reds in the Eddie Miller trade, is a fine second baseman. Young Wietelmann, at short, is a weak hitter, but flashy fielder. I don't know much about Joe Burns, center at third—he is a former semi-pro, but he played a bang-up game on Tuesday.

The outfield has sweet fielding Tommy Holmes in center, and Chet Ross, back after an absence due to a broken leg, in left. A hard-hitting rookie, Charlie Workman, up from Nashville, is in right. This team will miss Max West,

among others. But it is young, fast, and has one or two fair hitters. Big Ernie Lombardi is holding out—"Lom" nearly led the league last year, and he wants either to get as much salary as he is worth, or he wants to be sold to another team which will pay him. So he's sticking to a job out on the coast, and waiting. The Braves have two good catchers in Masi and Klutts, but neither can hit within a country mile of Lombardi.

As for pitching, Javery is the ace, and good. Nat Andrews, a 6-footer from Syracuse, is expected to make the grade. Charlie Barrett, who won the International League's most valuable player award, is also certain to stick. Barrett won 20 games for Syracuse, and his earned run average of 2.85 can't be sneezed at. The Braves promise to have more pep than in 1942. If they had a hitter or two they might go higher than seventh.



Lefty Gomez as he appeared in his old Yankee cap.

War Plant Baseball League All Set to Go

The Grumman Bombers, who this year at least will actually be the aircraft plant's all-star team, will compete in a Brooklyn-Long Island Defense League, according to Charlie (Skipper) Hennessy.

Hennessy's club before the season is over will be composed of players selected from the interplant league. However, until the local loop starts operating Hennessy plans to use the men he can locate in the various plants. The Defense League will open on Sunday, May 2, at either Ebbets Field or Erasmus Field, Brooklyn. Other clubs in the loop are Republic, Sperry, Bendix, Arms and Sullivan Shipyard.

The Grumman interplant league is expected to swing into action the first Saturday in May. Eight teams, representing all the main plants in the Grumman organization, will comprise the loop. Several of the managers of these teams are former big league players. For instance, the Plant 3 club will be directed by Walter (Jumbo) Brown, who a few years ago wound up a glorious career with the New York Giants. Jack Warhop, old time southpaw ace of the New York Highlanders (now the New York Yankees),

will handle the Plant 4 club. Other managers are Charles (Moose) Swaneey, former ace of the House of David nine, in Plant 1; Ted Springer, former Bomber hurler and minor league flinger, at Plant 15, Fort Washington; Henry Eckoff, manager of the North Bellmore club, at Plant 13, Lindenhurst; Steve Lawrow, one-time slugging outfielder of the Old Bethpage AA, semi-pro combine, at the Central Warehouse; and Joe Gentile at the Plant 13, Syosset plant.

According to plans announced last week, the Defense League will schedule one game a week for the war plant teams, three Sundays a month and one twilight game. Despite the loss of ten veterans, Hennessy is optimistic about the future. His pitching staff, with all veterans back from last year, will be as strong as ever. His main job will be to locate infielders and outfielders.

Mayor LaGuardia Fines Against Dep't Stores

Mayor LaGuardia yesterday lauded action of the Federal Court in fining 15 New York department stores \$5,000 each for conspiring to boycott the New York Times after the Times increased its advertising rates last May.

He called reporters to his office and dictated the following statement which he asked newspapers to print in full:

"So far we have a new bunch of lawbreakers in our midst. Nothing new to me. I want the people of this city to realize what the department stores are doing or trying to do to injure our city, to drive business from our city and to increase real estate taxes. I suppose the people of this city were shocked and ashamed by what they read in the papers this morning. That proves absolutely what I have been telling the people of this city for the past three months that the department stores were ganging up, were groggy with profits and had gotten the notion into their heads that they could control the press of this city and run the city government. Fortunately for the people of this city they can do neither.

"At the very same meeting that the convicted conspirators put the gun to the head of the New York Times, they were threatening the city and preparing their drive to increase real estate taxes. They were unsuccessful in the first and up-to-date successful in the second. Now here is the technique. Just as they attempted to coerce the New York Times to increase the price of their daily and Sunday paper, they used the same tactics to force an increased subway fare—no difference in the technique, the brain child of their dumb and limited mentality. Incidentally the combined advertisements of the 15 convicted department stores I would say and I haven't the exact lineage, is as much if not more than all the other advertisements combined.

"They believed that that was their club to make the press support anything that they wanted, reduce advertising rates to themselves, and increase the price of the papers to the public, just as they tried to use their customers and their propaganda on the city to reduce taxes for themselves and increase real estate taxes on all the owners of little

Jeffers Favors Supply Agency

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP)—Rubber Director William M. Jeffers told the Senate Banking and Currency Committee today he is "whole-heartedly" in favor of creating an independent Office of Civilian Supply to protect the flow of needed materials to the home front.

He called for a "two-front" administrator to head the new agency, as provided in the pending Maloney Bill. It would represent civilian interests and would have authority equal to that of the War Production Board, the War Manpower Commission and other Governmental war units in making claims for needed materials.

Massachusetts U. S.-Soviet Group Formed

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, April 14.—The Massachusetts Council of American-Soviet Friendship, affiliated with the recently-formed National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, was formed here last week. The purpose of the Council is to promote better understanding and strengthen friendly relations between the United States and the Soviet Union. Chairman of the National Council is Corliss Lamont, Vice-Chairman is Professor Ralph Barton Perry of Harvard University.

Chairman of the Massachusetts Council is Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam; Vice-Chairman, Professor Hugh W. Babbs; Secretary-Treasurer, Professor Dirk J. Struik of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Other members of the Council are Professor H. W. L. Dana, Dr. Albert C. Dieffenbach, Mrs. Walter T. Dewey and Mrs. Rose Norwood.

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LOWDOWN

A Couple of Interesting Letters and Some Thoughts
NATLOW

We had a couple of extra tickets for the triple-double header at the Stadium yesterday and tried to give them away to folks in the building. You'd be surprised how difficult it is at times to give away free tickets. Yesterday the task was doubly hard. . . . One person we approached laughed at us. . . . "Whattya think I am, crazy? I'd freeze to death in this weather. . . . Use 'em yourself. . . ."

That's the way it went up until game time when a hardy member of the Furrier's Union (not ensconced in furs) accepted our free offer. . . .

But it all goes to show that baseball is strictly a warm weather game. . . . The fans like the baseball hot. They like to bake in the hot sun munching hot dogs and sipping orange drinks and cokes. . . .

A letter from a reader suggests that the Labor for Victory demonstration at the Yankee Stadium May 2 be further enhanced by athletic events, including a baseball game. . . .

"Why not have a Negro team play another team? And how about a three-round exhibition bout between Henry Armstrong and Pedro Hernandez, two very progressive people. . . . Or possibly a mile race between Frank Dixon and a couple of other runners? . . . These additions to the program would be certain to draw many, many more people and would make the day livelier. . . ."

We passed the suggestion along to the Committee which is arranging the affair and they tell us that the contract specifically notes that no athletic contests can be held on the field. . . . That's too bad, but maybe the ring could be set up anyway—as the speaker's platform is going to be a very large one and will be situated on second base. . . .

Thoughts while walking to work . . . The Yanks are looking pitiful indeed. They can't hit hard enough to beat Textile High School and their outfield must make faithful Yankee fans tear their hair in anguish.

Now if there was no way out of the predicament we would extend our sympathy to Joe McCarthy and Ed Barrow. But the fact is that there is a way out of it.

If there was ever a club that needed the batting punch which Josh Gibson, Sammy Bankhead, Ted Strong and Buck Leonard could supply—that team is the Yankee team of this season. . . . Yet despite the obvious fact that the Yanks lack hitters—Ed Barrow has been probably the most adamant owner in the majors on the subject of Negro players. . . .

So, we have no sympathy for the Yanks. We personally hope that as long as Barrow maintains his utterly reactionary and undemocratic attitude the fans, who have for many years made the Yanks the biggest drawing card in the game, refuse to patronize the team.

We can't think of a better way of bringing Barrow to his senses . . . When you hit the pocketbook brother, you really hit home. . . .

A letter from a friend in an Army camp down South. "You know by now that I am in the infantry. Believe me when I say that it is the best and toughest outfit you can find anywhere. . . . The training is really swell. I think I learned quite a bit in the short time that I've been here.

"This coming week we start shooting with live ammunition. I never realized how much there is to learn in handling a rifle. The positions they teach us are pretty difficult at first because you have to use muscles which you have never used before. So—they make us exercise those muscles!

"Besides our regular physical training period we have 10 minute exercise periods almost every hour. We also have hikes with full field packs and rifle. This time of the year the weather is quite hot down here and you can imagine that after a hike you feel a little less than comfortable.

"But it is fine. It is getting us into shape for the future. I for one am a new man. I've gained 6 or 7 pounds and have never felt better in my life. In fact I don't look like a question mark any more.

"Well, that's that. Just thought you'd like to know how physical fitness in the Army is coming along. . . . We're a tough bunch and we're going to knock the hell out of Adolf when we get going soon. . . ."

"Salud!"
"Al"

Allies Down 81 Axis Planes Over Tunisia

(Continued from Page 1)

German army in Tunisia and said he hoped and believed the battle of Tunisia would be comparable to that of Stalingrad.

The interview will be published tomorrow in the weekly magazine *l'Espresso*, as given to a correspondent for the French Africa News Agency.

Asked whether Tunis would be another Dunkerque or another Stalingrad, where an entire German army was wiped out, Eisenhower said:

"I am not yet able to say how the battle is going. But I hope and believe the battle of Tunis will be comparable to that of Stalingrad."

U. S. Lightnings Down 7 Zeroes
AN ADVANCED SOUTH PACIFIC BASE, April 10 (Delayed)—(UP)—Four American Lightning fighter-plane pilots, using a favorite Japanese maneuver, shot down seven Zeros in the big sea battle in the Guadalcanal-Tulagi area on April 7. It was revealed today.

The battle, in which 34 (a Washington Navy communiqué later raised the figure to 39) of at least 90 enemy planes were shot down during attacks on Allied shipping, lasted for half an hour over several hundred square miles, according to Maj. Robert Kaylor of New York City, who was aboard one of the vessels under attack.

While the enemy was crowded deeper into the fortifications of Bizerte and Tunis themselves, Flying Fortresses raided Sicily, wrecking 73 planes on two airfields. At Castel Vetrano airfield, the Fortresses found 112 planes on ground and destroyed 51 of them with their precision bombing, including eight giant six-engined Messerschmitt 323 troop carriers, 23 tri-motored Italian Savoia 83's and 15 bombers.

Turning their attack to the Milo field, the Fortresses wrecked 22 of 108 grounded planes, set afire a gasoline dump and shot down four Axis fighters which tried to intercept them.

Although the Eighth Army was officially reported to be continuing its advance it was now believed squarely up against the strong defenses which the Axis had long prepared for its final stand in Africa where further gains probably would require heavy massed attacks.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, North Africa, April 14 (UP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said in an interview today that the Allied armies intend to annihilate the

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Murray and WLB

PRESIDENT Philip Murray's letter to all CIO affiliates declaring the recent wage-price executive order an "important step forward" should receive the endorsement of the entire labor movement. Equally important and welcome should be the manner in which Murray advises the workers to fight for the order.

The order, he writes is a "mandate" to roll back food prices 25 per cent to last September's level; unions must insist on a liberal interpretation of the provision to correct substandard wages; the incentive pay proposal is of "extreme importance to labor" and he advises safeguards against distortion and misapplication of the idea; labor must press Congress for a democratic tax program and, finally, unions should insist that the War Labor Board retain authority to correct wage inequalities.

This is a positive approach directed to win initiative for labor in the struggle to make the executive order a weapon for victory. Reactionary forces, as we have already seen, have lost no time to have it apply to their liking.

How important Murray's point on wage equalities is, can be seen already by the War Labor Board's ruling, which, in effect, throws out 10,000 cases based on inequalities. Thus, the board ignores the principal source of manpower chaos, plant demoralization and disputes. Without correcting inequalities the War Manpower Commission will not be able to keep workers from shifting to higher paid jobs. If it tries to do so by edict, the result is bound to affect production adversely.

The WLB's attitude, in effect, is to freeze a chaotic status. It is neither common sense nor an application of the spirit of the President's order.

Japan's Threat

THE Japanese are reported to have concentrated sizeable naval and land forces in the area north of Australia. Secretary of Navy Knox declares that he does not know whether the forces are there for defense or attack. General MacArthur says that the Japanese now control the sea lanes of the Western Pacific and of the approaches to Australia. His implication is that the Japanese are preparing an attack upon that subcontinent.

This much seems to be clear. As a member of the Axis, and for the purposes of protecting its new possessions, Japan can be counted upon to create a diversion in the Pacific timed with the resumption of large-scale fighting on the Eastern Front and the approaching invasions of Europe. The purpose will be to force an additional diversion of United Nations forces away from the decisive theatre of war in Europe.

Undoubtedly, we already have large forces ready in Australia, not to speak of the armies of our allies in India and China who themselves can create a serious diversion against Japan. As recent fighting in the Pacific area has shown, our forces on the spot can hold successfully against a Japanese thrust.

But various defeatist, appeasement and Pacific first groups in this country are already seeking to capitalize upon the new threat in the Pacific to divert the nation's attention away from the decisive task of the second front in Europe.

New diversions by Japan, as well as by Hitler in the European area, are to be expected and they must be met. But they cannot and must not be permitted to accomplish their purpose of shunting our main offensive action into a side alley, or even

of weakening such action. The best answer to whatever Japan may be planning in the Pacific, is the second front in Europe. And this must come in time to anticipate new Axis moves, whether on the Eastern Front, in the Mediterranean or in the Far Pacific.

6-Day Mine Week

THE government's proposal through Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins for settlement of the mine dispute on the basis of a six-day operation guarantee for the entire year, meets both the wartime needs of the country and the wage interest of the miners.

Miss Perkins rightly pointed out that the operators received a nine-cent addition to the price of coal to compensate for time and one-half wages on the sixth day. According to the union, however, many operators follow the chiseling policy of laying off miners for a day in the middle of the week so they would not have a sixth consecutive day.

The union accepted the government's proposal. But refusal by the operators to agree to it makes a number of matters clear. Obviously their professed patriotism which they never neglect in expressing, was only to the extent that it embraced the "Little Steel" formula. They saw in it a protection from wage increases. The situation is quite interesting. The very forces that are shouting about the manpower shortage, to a point that they want a labor draft, are turning away from a proposal to assure men in a vital industry six days of work every week for the next year. They shout absenteeism, but when men offer to work six days a week, they hear nothing.

As to the position of John L. Lewis, CIO vice-president Allan S. Haywood rightly told a convention of the Pennsylvania CIO that the miners will win despite him. Today Lewis accepts the six-day proposal. But for several months he resisted it when it was first advanced by Solid Fuels Coordinator Harold L. Ickes. It was finally accepted on an optional basis. Obviously Mr. Lewis is feeling considerable pressure from his own membership—a pressure for a constructive settlement, not a stoppage of production and disruption of the war effort.

Negro Rights

IT'S no longer so easy for the police to treat Negroes as helpless victims to be beaten up at will, or arrested as scapegoats for crimes they can't solve.

Such cases as those of Sherry Franklin and Ethel Burnett are signs of a growing unity of Negro and white to protect Negro victims of police attacks.

Sherry Franklin was arrested as a "mugger" after a minor altercation with a white girl. She was acquitted after a broad movement of protest against her arrest developed in her neighborhood. Ethel Burnett was beaten by a subway cop who was suspended for three weeks following wide protests.

The Eastern Seaboard Conference on the Negro and the War last week-end at which many labor unions were present also marked the developing unity of Negro and a section of labor in defense of the Negro people.

The conference emphasized that the struggle for Negro rights is essentially an aspect of the struggle of the "common man" everywhere.

Who can deny that the elimination of discrimination in industry, for instance, would aid greatly in promoting the struggle against the common man's most bitter foe—fascism? Who can deny that the abolition of the poll tax would strike a very heavy blow at domestic foes of the common man?

The defense of the Negro people, then, becomes a major point on the order of business of every organization of the people.

The Cuban Cabinet

By James S. Allen

THE long government crisis in Cuba finally was resolved when the new Cabinet of National Unity took office on March 5. The old crisis left its mark in the continuing discussions and shifts, but a turn has been made which is significant for the whole Hemisphere.

In a manifesto on July 23 of last year, President Batista appealed directly to the people to solve the political crisis by bringing about a government of national unity, without exclusion. The crisis did not arise as a simple question of parliamentary confidence. It was created and deepened by the efforts of the political opposition—both within some parties of the Government Coalition and among groups outside the Coalition—to take advantage of the many difficulties created by the war to obstruct and alter the President's war policy.

Within the Coalition, reactionary elements sabotaged all efforts to form a Cabinet of National Unity under the chief pretext that the Communists should not be admitted. Outside the Coalition, the Cuban Revolutionary Party (Authenticos, under the leadership of former President Grau San Martin) adopted an extreme opposition stand. The Authenticos increased demagogic agitation against unity, against military mobilization and against economic aid to the United Nations, with whom Cuba is allied as a belligerent. Their most demagogic leaders joined with the Falangists and reactionaries in centering their struggle against Communist representation in the Cabinet.

On the other hand, the ABC, the traditional party of conservatism, developed further its line of unity which it adopted at the very beginning of the crisis. The perspective of United Nations victory and the stake of Cuba in the post-war could more clearly be seen. The need of national unity, to preserve Cuba's independence in both war and peace, led to the formation of a Cabinet including all political parties except the Authenticos.

THE Communists (URC) are represented on the new Cabinet by Juan Marinello, Chairman of the Party, as Minister without portfolio. He can discuss and vote on all Cabinet questions, but holds no executive responsibility as head of a department.

Naturally, the inclusion of a Communist Minister for the first time in any Cuban or Hemisphere Cabinet, was one of the questions most disputed during the whole crisis. Generally speaking, the opponents of national unity were opposed to Communist participation and made use of the typical red-baiting arguments to fight the unity Cabinet. The argument most commonly advanced by these elements was that the proposed Cabinet was paramount to "Popular Front" government which would lead to the establishment of Communism.

But the dominant forces in the bourgeois parties recognized that the URC represented a powerful current of opinion in Cuba, the most authentic expression of the mass of workers and peasants. The URC had become an imposing national force as the most enthusiastic defender of national unity and supporter of the United Nations' war policy.

The inclusion of the Communist Minister was therefore a heavy blow at the Falange reactionary cabal and a decisive triumph for the policy of national unity. The Cuban people met successfully one of the leading world issues and gave an answer that should affect favorably the course of political development not only in Cuba but in Latin America.

ON previous occasions the Communists had rejected requests to participate in the Cabinet, although maintaining a position of energetic support to the government of President Batista.

Blas Roca, General Secretary of the URC, in explaining the Communist policy on the Cabinet question, points out that in any normal situation his Party would have refused to participate in a Coalition Government representing the bourgeoisie and the large landowners. In the pre-war situation, as a party which fights for the ultimate aim of the socialist reorganization of society, the URC could not accept the responsibilities of sharing power in a Coalition Government unless conditions were such as to make possible the full satisfaction of the demands of the masses or the immediate initiation of measures leading toward socialism.

A government formed by parties of the bourgeoisie and landowners, he argues, no matter how well intentioned and progressive the men who lead them, could not satisfy the demands of the masses precisely because such parties represent the privileged circles whose class interests

ests do not permit the satisfaction of the popular demands.

He points out that it is conceivable that such a government in Cuba could initiate great reforms for the development of industry and agriculture, for the protection of the national interests against foreign monopolies and for improving the economic conditions of the people. In normal times, the URC would content itself with supporting such a government and organizing popular mobilization in its defense against reaction, without abandoning independent action and the right of criticism.

But these are not ordinary times. Blas Roca emphasizes, Cuba is at war, cooperating in a just war of liberation against the Axis, and defending its own independence as an ally of the United States, China, Great Britain and the Soviet Union. The great task before the Cabinet is to assure the maximum military, political and economic cooperation. It is necessary that the whole people render this cooperation, not as imposed from the outside, but because of their own duty and interest to assure the independence of their country.

For these reasons, continues Blas Roca, the URC agreed to enter the Cabinet, sharing the responsibility of government. The Communists enter the Cabinet, he affirms, without intending to initiate measures of a socialist type, also knowing that the new Cabinet cannot give full satisfaction to the demands of the masses. If the URC did not consider that upon the outcome of the war depends Cuban independence, it would not have entered the Cabinet.

It participates to help the war effort, to aid in the solution of the most pressing problems of the war economy and the people's needs, such as protection of labor standards, prevention of peasant evictions, control of profiteering and speculation. The URC will devote its energy to making the new Cabinet worthy of the title of Cabinet of National Unity, of War and of Victory.

This new development is another indication of the great positive role played by the Communists in the joint war effort of all the United Nations. Acting boldly, maintaining a consistent and independent policy with respect to the overshadowing issues of the war, the URC of Cuba has become the first Communist Party in the Americas to share the responsibilities of government. It is a token of the strength and confidence of the Cuban workers and peasants and of the political vitality of the Cuban nation.

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What is urgently needed is for organized labor to mobilize its many millions of members, friends and supporters in intensified, all-out mass support of the administration for a militant war program. This is the main way to beat the defeatist reaction. Spasmodic and scattered lobbying activities by top union officials in Congress and in the various State Legislatures for or against specific bills will not suffice in this situation. The great rank and file of labor must be activated politically. The whole country—every city, every state, every Congressional district—should be covered with a network of all-labor united action committees, as outlined in the proposals of the CIO and of which there are now the beginnings in a number of localities. Nor can the impulse for developing this great movement be left solely to the top trade union leadership; the thousands of local unions and central bodies should



'Daily' Council News

Many readers of the Daily Worker have asked us how they could help on cutting down returns from the news-stands. Our Daily Worker readers who realize that conserving newsprint is patriotic, are very much concerned with this problem.

We would therefore like to describe to all our readers a very simple means of assuring the least possible waste for the Daily Worker, by helping us cut down on returns. Returns take place when a paper is not sold, the newsmen accumulate all returns for the week and ship them back to us. This is a total waste.

All you have to do is to tell your news-stand dealer to put aside a copy of the Daily Worker for you every single day. It won't cost you any more, you don't have to pay in advance, but it will be a helpful reminder to you to buy your paper from that same newsdealer every day. Where our readers have asked the newsdealer to put the paper away for them every day, the newsdealer has cooperated wholeheartedly. We know that a newspaper is usually bought in a hurry, while running for a train, and we therefore don't stop to talk to the newsdealer. This, however, will only take a minute and will mean a great deal for the Daily Worker.

We urge that all Daily Council members make the above a point for discussion at their very next branch meeting.

Sunday morning canvassing for new readers for The Worker has been curtailed for many reasons. The most important reason is that the branches have concentrated their attention on seeing subscribers whose subscriptions are expiring and have had little time to make contact for new readers. But the main reason is that not enough people have been involved in this important job. Everyone agrees that it's important and everyone agrees that something must be done about it.

We propose that the branches adopt a little plan, already put into action by the I-2 A. D., Manhattan. They have drawn up a pledge for each member asking him to give one Sunday a month for canvassing with The Worker. They expect that no Party member will refuse to give up ONLY one Sunday a month for this. They are, therefore, going to interview every member of the Section, asking him to sign the pledge indicating the Sunday of the month which is most convenient. The names will be posted in the branch headquarters under the given Sunday. The press director will know how many members are going out on each Sunday and will be better able to judge the quantities of Workers to be ordered. Those members who are responsible for canvassing on a particular Sunday will receive a letter, reminding them of the fact, during the week.

(The I-2 A. D. is also going to use this as a means of seeing every member of the section within the next two weeks, ask for current dues, and hope to bring up their section dues standing considerably in this way.)

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